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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE
PERMANENT SECRETARY PLIATZKY

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1. SIR LEO PLIATZKY, THE NEW PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, RAISED IN A LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ AND ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MINISTER MILLER ON JULY 26 HIS DESIRE TO VISIT WASHINGTON. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION OCTOBER EMERGED AS THE BEST MONTH FOR THE VISIT, IF IT IS NOT TO BE UNDESIRABLY POSTPONED.

2. PLIATZKY IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE INTERLINKE SUBJECTS OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY IN GENERAL, AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL APPLICATION OF U.S. ANTI-TRUST LAW IN PARTICULAR. THE LATTER CURRENTLY HAS HIM AROUSED PARTICULARLY AS A RESULT OF THE QUESTIONING OF RIO TINTO ZINC IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED URANIUM CARTEL. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT AN APPROPRIATE INTERLOCUTOR FOR PLIATZKY ON ANTI-TRUST WOULD BE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (OR ELSE THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE ANTI-TRUST DIVISION). THE ONE OTHER EXTRA-TERRITORIALTY ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IS THE APPLICATION OF U.S.

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ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION TO AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES ABROAD, AND IN THIS CASE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS RESPONSIBILITY. FINALLY, AS REPORTED IN ANOTHER CABLE, PLIATZKY IS READY TO TALK ABOUT THE NOT-UNRELATED ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE; HERE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD BE THE PROPER VENUE.

3. WE BELIEVE PLIATZKY WOULD BE QUITE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS. HIS DEPARTMENT IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE WITHIN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR, INTER ALIA, THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, CERTAIN NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES INCLUDING COMMODITY POLICY, CIVIL AVIATION, AND SHIPPING. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO ENGAGE PLIATZKY IN DISCUSSIONS ON A BROAD RANGE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES. HE HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HE INTENDS TO BE AN ACTIVE LEADER OF HIS NEW DEPARTMENT. HE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE AN EARLY INDICATION OF WASHINGTON VIEWS ON THE TIMING AND POTENTIAL CONTENT OF A VISIT BY PLIATZKY.

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4. WHILE PLIATZKY MADE HIS APPROACH TO THE EMBASSY, WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT IN ON THIS VISIT, WHETHER FOR ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE.

5. BIODATA ON PLIATZKY IS CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

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